HIS MAJESTIES *most gratious Message*, READ In both Houſes of Parliament, on Tueſday, *Septemb.* 14. 1647. In Anſwer to the *Propoſitions* of both *Kingdomes*. WITH The VOTES of the Lords and Commons (upon the Reading of the ſaid Meſſage) *for the ſpeedy ſetling of the kingdom.*

Die Martis 14 Septemb. 1647.

THis is appointed to be Printed and publiſhed to prevent the ſpreading of falſe Copies, this having been examined by the origina". Signed,

Charles Rex.

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HIS MAJESTIES

Moſt Gracious Meſſage in Anſwer to the Propoſitions preſented to Him at *Hampton-court*, Sept. 7. 1647. by the Earles of *Pembrooke* and *Lauderdale*, Sir *Charles Erskin*, Sir *Jo. Holland*, Sir *Jo. Cooke*, Sir *James Harrington*, Mr. *Rich. Browne*, Mr. *Hugh Kenedy*, and Mr. *Robert Berkley*.

In the names of the Parliament of *England*, and in behalfe of the Kingdome of *Scotland*.

CHARLES REX,

HIs Majeſty cannot chooſe but be paſſionately ſenſible (as He beleeves all His good Subjects are) of the late great diſtractions, and ſtill languiſhing and unſetled State of this Kingdome; and He cals God to witneſſe, and is willing to give teſtimony to all the world of His readineſſe to contribute His utmoſt endeavours for reſtoring it to a happy and flouriſhing condition.

His Majesty having perused the Propositions now brought to Him, findes them the same in effect which were offered to Him at Newcastle. To some of which as Hee could not then consent without violation of His conscience, and honour; so neither can Hee agree to others now, conceiving them in many respects more disagreeable to the present condition of affaires then when they were formerly presented to Him, as being destructive to the maine principall interests of the Army, and of all those whose affections concurre with them. And His Majesty having seene the Propositions of the Army to the Commissioners from His two Houses, residing with them, and with them to be treated on in order to the clearing and securing the Rights and Liberties of the Kingdome, and the setling of a just and lasting peace. To which Propositions as he conceives His two Houses not to be strangers, so Hee beleeves they will thinke with him that they much more conduce to the satisfaction of all interests, and may bee a fitter foundation for a lasting peace then the Propositions which at this time are tendered unto Him.

Hee therefore propounds (as the best way in his judgement in order to peace) that his two Houses would instantly take into consideration those Propositions, upon which there may bee a personall Treaty with His Majesty, and upon such other Propositions as His Majesty shall make, hoping that the said Propositions may bee so moderated in the said Treaty, as to render them the more capable of His Majesties full concessions, wherein Hee resolves to give full satisfaction unto His people for whatsoever shall concerne the setling of the Protestant Profession, with liberty to tender consciences, and the securing of the Lawes, Liberties, and properties of all His Subjects, and the just priviledges of Parliament for the future. And likewise by His present deportment in this Treaty, Hee will make the world clearely judge of His intentions in matter of future Government: In which Treaty, His Majesty will be well pleased (if it be thought fit) that Commissioners from the Army (whose the Propositions are) may likewise bee admitted.

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His Majesty therefore conjures His two Houses of Parliament, by the duty they owe to God, and His Majesty their King, and by the bowells of compassion they have to their fellow-Subjects, both for relieſe of their preſent ſufferings, and to prevent future miſeries, that they will forthwith accept of His Majeſties offer, whereby the joyfull newes of peace may bee reſtored to this diſtreſſed Kingdome.

And for what concernes the Kingdome of *Scotland* mentioned in the Propoſitions, His Majeſty will very willingly treate upon thoſe particulars with the Scotch Commiſſioners; and doubts not but to give reaſonable ſatisfaction to that His Kingdome.

Given at *Hampton-Court* the ninth of *September*, 1647.

For the Speaker of the Lords Houſe *pro tempore*, to bee communicated to both Houſes of the Parliament of *England*, and the Commiſsioners of the Kingdom of *Scotland*.

Die Martis Septem. 14. 1647

ORdered by the Lords in Parliament Assembled, that on *Thursday* next, *September* the 16. 1647. this House doe take into consideration, The Kings Majesties Answer to the Propositions presented to Him at *Hampton-Court*, September 7. 1647. by the Earles of *Pembrook* and *Lauderdale*, Sir *Charles Erskin*, Sir *Io. Holland*, Sir *Io. Cooke*, Sir *James Harrington*, Mr. *Richard Browne*, Mr. *Hugh Kenedy*, and Mr. *Robert Barkley*, In the names of the Parliament of *England* and in behalfe of the Kingdome of *Scotland*.
Dated at *Hampton-Court September* 9. 1647.

Die Martis 14. *Septem.* 1647.

Ordered by the Commons Assembled in Parliament, That on Friday next, *September* the 17th. Instant, This House doe consider what is fit first to bee done for the setling of the safety, and peace of the Kingdome.

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*Die Martis Septem.*14.1647.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament Aſſembled, That His Majeſties Anſwer to the Propoſitions preſented to Him at *Hampton-Court*, September 7. 1647. by the Earles of *Pembrooke* and *Lauderdale*, Sir *Charles Erskin*, Sir *Io. Holland*, Sir *Io. Cooke*, Sir *James Harrington*, Mr. *Richard Browne*, Mr. *Hugh Kenedy*, & Mr. *Robert Barkley*, In the names of the Parliament of *England* and in behalfe of the Kingdome of *Scotland*, Be communicated to the Commiſſioners of the Kingdome of *Scotland* at *Worceſter* Houſe.

JOHN BROVVNE *Cler. Par.*

FINIS.

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